Growth pattern of drug companies producing simple house-hold remedies.

1542. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hathi Committee and Drug Policy of 1978 provided for regulation of activities of multinational drug companies in simple house-hold remedies like vaporubs Balms, cough lozenges, cough syrups and ointments;

(b) if so, what was the growth pattern of these companies in these simple formulations since the announcement of Drugs Policy; and

(c) what are the reasons for the failure to channelise the activities of these companies into high technology drugs rather than those simple formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) After the 1978 Drug Policy, FERA companies were not granted any industrial approval in relaxation of the parameters of the Drug Policy.

Bulk drugs

1543. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 66 bulk drugs were listed as open for licensing for all sectors including multi-national drug companies;

(b) if so, names of companies who were licensed for those drugs from the announcement of drug policy uptill today and what was the production of each company of each drug during the same period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that large number of drugs included in the list are still being imported from abroad and that too from their principals by the companies operating in India at very high price;

(d) if so, names of the companies importing these drugs and what was the import of each during the last three years, year-wise, along with CIF price and source of import; and

(e) whether Government have taken any steps in regard to selfsufficiency of these drugs and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. However, 2 drugs viz. Phthyalyl Sulphathiazole and Tolbutamide have since been transferred to the Indian Sector list.

(b) Details of licences issued etc. are being published regularly by Indian Investment Centre in their monthly newsletter, copies of which are available in Parliament Library. Production data of 87 essential drugs monitored by the Department is published in the Performance Budget of the Ministry copies of which are laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Details of imports are published in the monthly statistics for Foreign Trade in India Vol. II copies of which are made available to the Parliament Library. Company-wise imports are not available.

(e) Yes, Sir. 94 bulk drugs have been delicensed. Government have also liberalised its policy on Foreign Collaboration.

Production of bulk drugs by Geoffary Manner and Wyeth Labs

1544. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs for which Geoffary Manner and Wyeth Labs are licensed along with capacity and stage of manufacture allowed in each case;